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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FELDER, AL ALFI AND SORENSEN

REF: STATE 57357

1. FELDER, AL ALFI AND SORENSEN CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MARCH 26. THEY HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH VARIOUS SENIOR OFFICIALS ABOUT POSSIBLE CONTRACTS. FELDER, IT DEVELOPED, IS NOT REPRESENTING TIPPETT, ABBETT AND MCCARTHY, BUT HIS OWN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS ORGANIZATION. THROUGH THIS, HE INDICATED HE IS REPRESENTING A MAJOR US DREDGING FIRM WHICH IS INTERESTED IN SECOND PHASE OF SUEZ CANAL RECONSTRUCTION. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO NAME THE FIRM. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF US-OWNED PL-480 FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A DREDGING CONTRACT AND WHETHER EMBASSY WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A RECOMMENDATION.

2. AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM THIS WAS MATTER HE SHOULD TAKE UP IN WASHINGTON AND THAT ANY EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION ON USE OF PL-480 FUNDS WOULD DEPEND UPON COMPARATIVE MERIT OF A PARTICULAR PROJECT VIS---VIS OTHER POSSIBLE PROJECTS. AMBASSADOR ALSO RECALLED USE OF PL-480 FUNDS REQUIRES AN APPROPRIATION AND THAT THERE ARE COMPETING DEMANDS.

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3. AMBASSADOR ASSURED SORENSEN OF T.A.M. THAT EMBASSY

WOULD GIVE ALL APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO EFFORTS ON THE
PART OF THAT FIRM TO OBTAIN ENGINEER CONTRACT HERE. IT
DEVELOPED T.A.M'S POSSIBLE INTEREST IS IN A SMALL
FOUR TO FIVE MILLION DOLLAR REDESIGN CONTRACT HAVING TO
DO WITH SUEZ CANAL RECONSTRUCTION.
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